

Appl. No. 09/685,384
Amdt. dated: 8/26/04
Reply to Office action of: 7/01/04

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 29 and 31-34 remain in this application. Claims 1, 3-28 have been canceled.

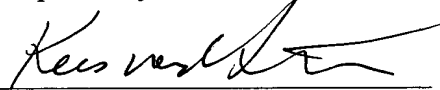
The Examiner has indicated that claims 29 and 31-34 are directed to allowable subject matter. Applicants acknowledge the Examiner's allowance.

Accordingly, since the claims which were previously rejected have been cancelled, the present application is now ready for allowance.

Applicants believes that no extension of time is necessary to make this Reply timely. Should applicant be in error, applicant respectfully requests that the Office grant such time extension pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) as necessary to make this Reply timely, and hereby authorizes the Office to charge any necessary fee or surcharge with respect to said time extension to the deposit account of the undersigned firm of attorneys, Deposit Account 03-3325.

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